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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS FUNCTIONING

Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

At its third meeting, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation decided to recommend the following draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its second session:

Agreement concerning the Headquarters of the Convention secretariat

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 16/CP.1 of 7 April 1995 accepting "the offer of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to host the Convention secretariat,"

Recalling also that the Conference of the Parties, by its decision 14/CP.1, adopted at its first session, decided that the Convention secretariat should be institutionally linked to the United Nations, while not being fully integrated in the work programme and management structure of any particular department or programme, and decided further to review the functioning of the institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations, not later than 31 December 1999, in consultation with the Secretary-General, with a view to making such modifications as may be considered desirable by both parties,

1. *Approves* the conclusions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation adopted at its second session on 8 March 1996 (FCCC/SBI/1996/9, para. 66), and the Agreement signed in Bonn on 20 June 1996 concerning the Headquarters of the Convention secretariat (FCCC/CP/1996/MISC.1);

2. *Concludes* that the Conference of the Parties should consider, in the context of the review of the functioning of the institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations, whether the functions that have to be carried out by the secretariat necessitate that it be given juridical personality on the international plane.

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